

I have recently reviewed the proposed rulemaking to decrease the aircraft noise limits. I strongly disagree with the proposed rule, and believe that aircraft noise limits should not be decreased. The rule, as proposed, will decrease aircraft performance and limit payloads. A decrease in aircraft performance decreases the margin of safety for pilots, passengers, and civilians.

I don't believe that the U.S. should be trying to adopt the European standards for noise with relation to aircraft. The F.A.A. should be working on rules that allow for safer and more economical aircraft operations. The regulations that exist in Europe have made it cost prohibitive for most individuals to experience "The Wright Experience."

I disagree with the Montreal's Working group summary that adopting the JAA standard won't impact aircraft manufacturer's ability to certificate aircraft. This additional regulation will only increase the cost of bringing aircraft to market, decrease net payloads for aircraft, cause higher fuel burns, decrease climb performance, and is totally an unnecessary proposed rule.

This proposed rule is another example of increasing the costs of general aviation, and how these costs all accumulate to hamper or even prevent businesses that rely on general aviation to operate. This rule doesn't provide for increased safety, and actually will decrease safety to small businesses because the net impact in the bottom line is that many of these companies will not be able to purchase newer, safer aircraft.

Thanks in advance for letting common sense prevail, and in killing the rule as proposed.

Regards,  
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